

on-Tees, for the foundations; Mr. W. Bulmer, of same place, for mason's, bricklayer's, and plasterer's work; the late Mr. G. C. Dickinson, of same place, for wood work; Mr. J. Smith, jun., of Redcar, for plumbing and glazing; and Mr. Kellest, of Middlesbrough, for slating. The exterior is of stone. The style adopted is the Tudor. Above the main doorway in the porch is a niche, at present empty, which was intended to contain a statuette of Captain Cook, had the funds been sufficient; but we are sorry to learn that, on the contrary, there is a considerable deficiency. The school-room, adapted for sixty children, or rather more, is lighted by a three-light window, cinquefoiled in the heads, at the west end, a similar one at the east end, and a smaller two-light flat-headed window, trefoiled in the heads, to the south, between two buttresses. On the roof is a wooden louver. On the western gable is a dolphin, as a wind-vane. The interior of the school-room shows a high-pitched open timber roof of trusses, with principal rafters, collars, and curved braces. The wall, for 3 feet upwards from the floor, is lined with hard fire-bricks, as a preventive against the kicks and blows of the children. The ventilation has been attended to by introducing fan air grates, communicating by passages under the floor, with the exterior air, and also by movable weather-boarding in the louver. The buildings are raised above the ordinary ground, and have a terrace to the west side.

West Lynn.—A contract having been entered into by Messrs. Peto and Betts, to execute a new channel from West Lynn into the Wash of Lincoln, 1,200 men have for some months been engaged in excavation work. The channel will be four miles in length, 30 feet in depth, 265 feet in width at bottom, and 518 at surface. The terms of the contract for two miles through the sand are said to be 20,000*l*. The old circuitous channel, full of shifting sands, will be closed up, and about 30,000 acres, it is calculated, will be laid dry and made available for agricultural purposes.

Norwich.—St. Peter's Church, Hungate, one of the oldest in the city, is being partially restored. The workmen, on removing boarding and matting from the south of the pulpit, discovered the remains of a chapel, dedicated to St. John the Evangelist. The portions laid open are a sedilia and piscina, a portion of the altar stone, and the greater part of the canopy. The colours of the canopy and sedilia—gold, purple, and scarlet—are still plainly traceable.

Wisebeck.—The Board of Guardians at Wisebeck have unanimously resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the present plan [of the workhouse], and if approved of, to appoint an architect to prepare a plan, specification, and estimate of the expense [of its enlargement].

Wappenbury.—A monument has been erected in the chancel of Wappenbury Church to the memory of an eminent agriculturist. It is of Caen stone, with Tuscan columns of black marble. The design consists of a plinth and sub-plinth of stone, in the centre of which is a marble figure of Ceres, as if sitting in a corn-field lamenting the loss sustained. At the feet is the sickle, and on either side are panels overgrown with ivy, in which are depicted the plough and harrow.

Massfield.—The Wesleyan chapel here, which was for many years the mansion of the celebrated Lord Chesterfield, whose dining-room now forms the vestry, the wings being occupied as the residences of the Wesleyan ministers, has recently undergone remodelling and renovation. The body of the chapel has been improved, the pews readjusted, and the accommodations for the poor improved.

Leicester.—An appeal to the public to complete the works of restoration in St. Martin's church has been made by the churchwardens. "From estimates already obtained," they state, "and from calculations made for the purpose of completing the repewing of the remaining part of the church on one uniform plan, the restoring of the great western window of the nave, and the clerestory windows on the south side, the further sum of 750*l*. will be required, namely,

Expense of repewing.....	£350
The west window and glazing, about.....	150
The clerestory windows and glazing, about.....	150
Architect, gas, and extras, about.....	100
	—750

Towards which the following subscriptions have been promised:—

Further donations.....	£190
Subscriptions.....	267
	—447

Deficiency.....£303"

The body of the church, they add, would then be completely restored.

Birmingham.—If, says a local paper, the number of new buildings erected, or in course of erection, the abundance of employment for artisans of every description, the decrease of pauperism, the firm maintenance, if not the absolute advance, of dividends declared by local public companies, and the pleasure-takings of all classes (coupled with the low price of food), constitute a proof of prosperity, Birmingham is at the present time more happily circumstanced than at any period within the recollection of its inhabitants. Immense tracts of land which, two years ago, were green fields, are now covered with new streets; while the new survey and valuation which the parish of Birmingham is now undergoing promises to add largely to the house assessments. The number of paupers relieved in the week ending the 30th of August, 1851, was 658 less than in the corresponding week of last year. A stained widow, by Messrs. Hardman, and dedicated to the memory of Mr. George Wareing, has recently been erected in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Chad, in Bath-street. The window is in the south aisle, and consists of two lights, the one containing a figure of St. George destroying the Dragon, the other of the Virgin Mary holding the Holy Child. Over these figures are canopies, and lower down in the lights are medallions. The remaining portions of each light, and the rose in the head of the window, are filled with a coloured diaper, on a graille ground, while round each light runs a floriated border.

Rassall, near Walsall.—In reference to the new church about to be erected here, a local paper states that "applications to the number of fifty-one having been made to the incumbent, and the committee, for plans and specifications on which to found designs for the sacred edifice, a considerable amount of architectural talent was called into requisition, the result of which has been the submission of very numerous first-class designs,—the one selected from which is the production of Mr. James Cranston, of Birmingham, architect."

Plymouth.—The opening of the new building erected on the site of the old Mechanical Institute, in Princess-square, took place on Wednesday week. The building has been constructed from the plans of Mr. George Wightwick, architect. On the basement floor are four rooms, two of which are class-rooms, the others being fitted for general purposes. On the ground floor are apartments for the librarian, and two other class-rooms. The library and reading-room are also situated on this floor. Above is the lecture-hall; its entire length being 70 feet, greatest width 37 feet, and height 33 feet: it is calculated to accommodate 360 on the main floor. There is also a committee-room, which can be thrown open in addition, and in which are 90 sittings. The gallery affords accommodation for 350, and on crowded occasions about one-seventh additional standing room is provided for 250, so that accommodation can be provided for about 1,000 persons. The local Independent, however, who describes the hall as "coffin-shaped," thinks that the room is not sufficiently large to accommodate the members to be reasonably expected at no very distant period, whilst its shape, from awkwardness of site and the unavoidable circumstance of the immense gallery extending more than half way over the area of the room from one end, ill calculates it to promote the comforts of a full audience. The hall is chiefly lighted from the top by an oval dome, the sides of which are formed of sashes, which serve the purpose of ventilators: the walls are panelled, the panels

being formed with plaster mouldings, and around the open part of the hall and in front of the gallery is formed a raised panelling, upon which is carried a continuous scroll-work of flowers. The opening was attended by Lord Ebrington, the mayor of the town, and other gentlemen, by whom appropriate addresses and exhortations were delivered.

Belper.—A sounding-board, in the form of a canopy, carved with crockets, tracery, finials, &c., has been recently fixed over the pulpit in Christ Church. The whole of the congregation are now able, it is said, to hear distinctly. The canopy has been presented to the church by the incumbent. The artist who executed it was Mr. J. B. Robinson.

Bolton.—A gigantic chimney is on the point of completion at the bleachworks of Messrs. Blair and Sumner, Mill-hill. The structure is octagonal, and the entire altitude will be 70 yards and a foot. The only chimney in the borough of greater height, says the *Bolton Chronicle*, is that connected with the machine works of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow, and Messrs. Knowles's cotton mill, which measures about 122 yards.

Bakewell.—The parish church of All Saints has been repewed and redecorated, and was reopened on Thursday week. In October last, it was resolved to repew the church throughout, to remove the Norman piers from the nave, substituting in their place the present ones—which are built in the Early English Decorated style—to make considerable improvements in the organ, and to provide for warming the church by steam carried through pipes. Mr. Hadfield, of Sheffield, was the architect; and Mr. Bath, of Haddon, clerk of works. The repewing has been completed by tradesmen residing in Bakewell. In consequence of the alterations, 200 additional sittings have been acquired, and there is now a total of about 800, a large portion of them, it is understood, free. The total cost of the alterations is 2,000*l*.

Leeds.—The town-council have decided at length to build a town-hall and corporate offices, at an expense of 22,000*l*. without the site, or of 31,000*l*. with it, according to the local *Mercury*.

Newcastle.—The Newcastle and Gateshead Union Gas Company have given notice of an intention to reduce the price of their gas "as soon as possible." The present price is 4*s*. The recent agitation is said to be operating on the company, and a local paper recommends a little more pressure from without, and asks, "why should the people of Newcastle continue to pay four shillings for an article which the inhabitants of Sunderland obtain for three?"—the article in the latter town being greatly superior to that supplied here." The company have recently been increasing their works at considerable cost, but have nevertheless lately announced a dividend of 8 per cent.

Rugby.—The engine-shed for the use of the London and North-Western Railway Company, now erecting by their station at Rugby, is of considerable size. In front there are places for twenty-five locomotive engines, with tenders, all of a row, and a railway for each. The whole is covered by five roofs. The addition of a transept to the school chapel, now building by Mr. W. Cubitt; the works for the water collection, storage, and distribution; the pipe-laying for sewerage; and the laying of a larger main for the better supply of gas, with the building of more than twenty private houses, show movements in this place. Besides all these, there are the Catholic schools, by the side of Dunoburgh-street, from the designs of Mr. Pugin.

Edinburgh.—It has been determined, says the *Edinburgh Courier*, to place the proposed statue to the late Robert Lord Viscount Melville in the centre of the large open space in front of the county buildings. The statue will be in bronze, and has been entrusted to Mr. John Steell. The subscription list is headed by the Duke of Buccleuch, who gives the sum of 300*l*., and the Bank of Scotland, of which the late viscount was a director, subscribes a like amount.

Glasgow.—The south abutment of the accommodation bridge has reached the height